

Fiscal Year 2003 Appropriations Request

Title: Naval Sea Cadet Corps Funding				
Bill: Defense		Date: 3/8/02		Prioritized 1 of 1 total requests
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Account: Navy Title II, Budget Activity 3, Line 7700				
Amt Requested: \$2,000,000.00		President's Request: No Amount:		Authorized: No Bill: Year:
				Future Requests: 2,000,000 over 3 years
Local Funding: 495,310 over 3 years Source: Navy League of the United States			Federal Funding: over years Source:	
FY	Requested	Appropriated	Bill	Account
2002	2,000,000	1,000,000	Defense	O&M Navy, Title II, Budget Activity 3
2001	2,000,000	1,000,000	Defense	O&M Navy, Title II, Budget Activity 3
Justification of Funding:				
Navy Recruiting Command is the Navy Program Manager for the Naval Sea Cadet Corps; as assigned by OPNAVINST 5760.2C				
Specific Language:				
TITLE II: OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY SEC. xxxx. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds are hereby authorized and appropriated for Fiscal Year 2003 from funds made available in Title II, ôOperations and Maintenance, Navyö; Budget Activity 3, ôTraining and Recruitingö in the amount of \$2 million dollars and obligated for the Naval Sea Cadet Corps.				

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Purpose for Funding:

The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps is a non-profit, Congressionally chartered, youth development program that instills the Navy's Core Values of Honor, Courage and Commitment in our young men and women, ages 11 through 17. We believe through close association with the Navy, as well as the Coast Guard, our Cadets learn superb personal skills, in an anti-drug environment, that will assist them throughout their lives and help them to become better citizens. Those who complete the program are predisposed to support our military and a large number enlist or enter college officer programs, including the academies. (There are 37 former Sea Cadets in the Naval Academy plebe class this year!) Although the majority of those entering the service join the Navy, all branches of the military are recipients of young men and women of high moral character. Cadets that join the military have proven to be exceptional and possess a well-developed pride in service, excellent leadership potential and high motivation to succeed. Whether or not a Cadet joins the military, each young man or woman understands their obligation to their country and are motivated to be a good American citizen.

Navy Recruiting Command assists with base bus transportation and brochure printing. Great Lakes Naval Training Center provides some used uniforms (primarily for older Cadets). Despite Navy League support of \$495,310 this year, Cadets must still pay for all program administrative costs, medical and liability insurance, uniforms, expenses while conducting training at DoD facilities (other than summer training), as well as transportation costs to all training sites. Cadet transportation expenses have risen dramatically over the past several years, as a result of base realignments and closures. Significantly increased uniform prices have made it expensive for Cadets to maintain an adequate ôsea bag.ö Cadet costs can easily reach \$400-500 per year. Our International Sea Cadet Exchange Program, where overseas air transportation and living expenses are considerable, must be completely funded by a CadetÆs family. This eliminates all but the more affluent from benefiting from

excellent training and cultural interaction with Cadets of other nations. These expenses represent a formidable sum to our Cadets and their parents and are a stumbling block to bringing the Naval Sea Cadet program to potential Cadets whose parents do not have significant discretionary monies. No child should be denied the chance of learning self-discipline, self-confidence, courage and patriotism because of their parentÆs financial condition or social background.

In FY 2001 and 2002, the Naval Sea Cadet Corps was appropriated \$1 million in the Defense budget (Title II, Budget Activity 3, Operations and Maintenance Navy - Training and Recruiting) to offset Cadet Summer Training costs and to conduct volunteer leader background checks. In order to meet all the needs of the Cadets, please support Naval Sea Cadet Corps funding of \$2 million in the FY2003 Defense Appropriations Bill and help your Naval Sea Cadet Corps develop the good citizens and future leaders our country desperately needs and deserves. Your Defense Legislative Assistant may reach me at (703) 312-1589 at our National Headquarters in Arlington, VA.

Very Respectfully,

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